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SUBJECT: WATERGATE INVESTIGATION: PROPOSED INTERVIEW OF
MEXICAN NATIONALS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM RECEIVED
BY THE DEPARTMENT JULY 17 FROM THE WATERGATE SPECIAL
PROSECUTION FORCE (WSPF).

QUOTE:

A. THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE IN MEXICO CITY
(RICHARD S. CLARK AND LA VERNE J. MOORE) CONDUCTED A
NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1972 AND
1973 IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE
TRANSMITTAL OF \$100,000 FROM MANUEL OGARRIO DAGUERRE,
AN ATTORNEY, TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-
ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE REQUEST OF ROBERT
ALLEN, PRESIDENT OF GULF RESOURCES AND CHEMICAL
CORPORATION, HOUSTON, TEXAS. IN THIS CONNECTION
INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED WITH MR. OGARRIO, MR. JOSE
M. DIAZ DE LEON, HEAD OF THE MEXICAN SUBSIDIARY OF
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GULF RESOURCES, AND MR. LUIS J. CREEL LUJAN, ANOTHER

ATTORNEY.

B. THE STATEMENTS GIVEN BY MR. OGARRIO AND MR. DIAZ ARE CONTRADICTED BY CERTAIN INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE DURING THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 610 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE BY MR. ALLEN AND GULF RESOURCES. FURTHER, MR. OGARRIO'S STATEMENT TO THE LEGAL ATTACHE IN JULY, 1972, IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN MAY, 1973. IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THESE INCONSISTENCIES AND TO EXPLORE IN GREATER DETAIL THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO MR. OGARRIO'S TRANSMITTAL OF THE \$100,000, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MR. OGARRIO, AS WELL AS MR. DIAZ AND MR. CREEL, BE INTERVIEWED BY PERSONS WHO ARE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE DEVELOPED ELSEWHERE. TO THIS END IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS OFFICE WERE ABLE TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY INTERVIEWS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE'S STAFF, OR OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

C. IN ADDITION TO REINTERVIEWS OF MESSRS. OGARRIO, DIAZ, AND CREEL, WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW ARCHIBALDO PRATT, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, AND MARIO LEDEMA PAVON, A MEXICAN ATTORNEY. PRATT AND LEDEMA'S CLIENT, AN AMERICAN NATIONAL, WERE FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY GULF'S MEXICAN SUBSIDIARY AND HAD SUED THE SUBSIDIARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE TERMINATION OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. THE MONEY PAID TO OGARRIO IN APRIL, 1972, WAS ALLEGED TO BE FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED TO THE SUBSIDIARY IN DEFENSE OF THOSE SUITS. IT MAY ALSO BE NECESSARY TO EXAMINE CERTAIN ORIGINAL RECORDS OF THE GULF SUBSIDIARY, COMPANIA DE AZUFRE, VERACRUZ, S.A. (CAVSA) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, COMPANIA IMPULSORA DEL SUR (CIS), ALTHOUGH WE ARE INFORMED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME RESTRICTIONS PLACED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE REMOVAL OF ORIGINALS FROM THE COUNTRY.

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D. IF, FOR SOME REASON, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT WE BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT AT LENGTH WITH THE PERSONS ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS SO THAT WE MIGHT PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION. END QUOTE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE WSPF THAT IT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI WHICH HAS AGREED TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED INTERVIEWS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THESE PROPOSED INTERVIEWS, PARTICULARLY THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS AS TOUCHED UPON IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE MEMORANDUM. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER THE GOM SHOULD BE GIVEN ADVANCE NOTICE OF THESE INTERVIEWS. THE WSPF IS CONCERNED THAT THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIALITY BE MAINTAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED.

4. PLEASE REPLY ASAP. INGERSOLL

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